

ORDER OF NOTICE

D.T.E. 03-85

September 18, 2003

Petition of KeySpan Energy Delivery for approval of proposed changes in its gas procurement practices.

---

Keyspan Energy Delivery Company (“Keyspan” or “Company”) is required to publish the attached legal notice in the Boston Globe or the Boston Herald at least seven (7) days prior to October 2, 2003. The Company shall also make return of service and proof of publication at that time.

By Order of the Department,

---

MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY

Petition of KeySpan Energy Delivery for approval of proposed changes in its gas procurement practices.

---

On August 25, 2003, KeySpan Energy Delivery (“KeySpan” or “Company”) filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (“Department”) a proposal for changes in its gas procurement practices. Currently the Company purchases approximately 32 percent of its normal winter gas-supply requirements during the preceding spring and summer and stores that gas for use in the coming winter. Under the proposal, KeySpan would purchase up to two-thirds of its projected normal winter requirements in the preceding spring and summer. The Company proposes to lock-in prices on non-storage volumes equally over the twelve-month purchasing period. The Company believes that this approach will serve to limit the price volatility that can occur in the natural gas marketplace.

The Department will accept written comments on the Company’s proposal. Persons wishing to submit such comments should file as follows: an original and two copies not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Thursday, **October 2, 2003**, with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, and one copy with the Company's attorney:

Patricia Crowe  
Legal Counsel, Keyspan Energy  
52 Second Avenue  
Waltham, MA 02451  
(781) 466-5131

All written documents should be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to [dte.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dte.efiling@state.ma.us) and [Jody.Stiefel@state.ma.us](mailto:Jody.Stiefel@state.ma.us) or (2) on a 3.5" disk, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.T.E. 03-85), (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix), in Microsoft Word (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix), or as an Adobe PDF file (naming the document with a ".pdf" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All written pleadings or comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Website, <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

By Order of the Department,

---

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary